



# Montana

## ***Emergency Unemployment Compensation – 2008***

### ***Tier II***

#### ***2008 Supplemental Appropriations Act (EUC08) - Public Law 110-252***

#### ***FACT SHEET***

#### **When did Montana enter into an agreement with United States Department of Labor to be a participant in EUC?**

Governor Schweitzer signed an agreement with the United States Department of Labor on July 1, 2008. This signed agreement authorizes Montana to participate in the Tier II extension.

#### **What does this agreement mean for you?**

An individual who has exhausted all “regular” Unemployment Insurance benefits and is not eligible for a “new” Unemployment Insurance claim in Montana or another state can file an EUC claim.

#### **How did Montana become eligible for Tier II Benefits?**

Congress passed an extension of EUC benefits in November of 2008 which provided for a second tier of benefits if a state’s Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) reaches or exceeds 4%. Montana’s IUR exceeded 4% during the week of February 8, 2009.

#### **How can you file a Tier II claim?**

Eligible customers can begin filing claims on Sunday, February 15, 2009. Claims can be filed online or by telephone.

Logon to [UI4U.mt.gov](http://UI4U.mt.gov)

Billings Claims Center (406) 247-1000

Helena Claims Center (406) 444-2545

#### **When is the earliest effective date for a Tier II extension claim?**

The first effective date of a Tier II claim under the extension is February 15, 2009.

#### **How many weeks of benefits will the Tier II extension provide?**

Tier II provides up to 50 percent of the eligible weeks on your regular claim, or 13 weeks, whichever is less. Example: If your “regular” claim was eligible for 22 weeks, the Tier II claim provides an additional 11 weeks of benefits.

#### **How much is the weekly benefit amount under EUC?**

You are eligible for the same weekly benefit amount as on your last “regular” claim. Example: If your regular Unemployment Insurance Claim weekly benefit amount was \$200 per week, the Tier II claim would also be \$200 per week.

#### **What is the last date to file an EUC Tier II claim?**

You must have exhausted your EUC08 Tier I account by week ending April 4, 2009 in order to receive Tier II benefits. You must file your Tier II claim prior to May 17, 2009.

The last date Montana can make payments on an EUC Tier I or Tier II claim is the week ending August 29, 2009.

#### **How will you be notified of potential eligibility for Tier II?**

The Unemployment Insurance Division will send notification to potentially eligible claimants at their last known address, and/or an e-mail notification to their last known e-mail address. We will also be issuing press releases as information becomes available.

#### **Who pays for Tier II benefits?**

All benefits paid under the EUC program are federally funded. These benefits will not impact employers’ state UI tax rates.